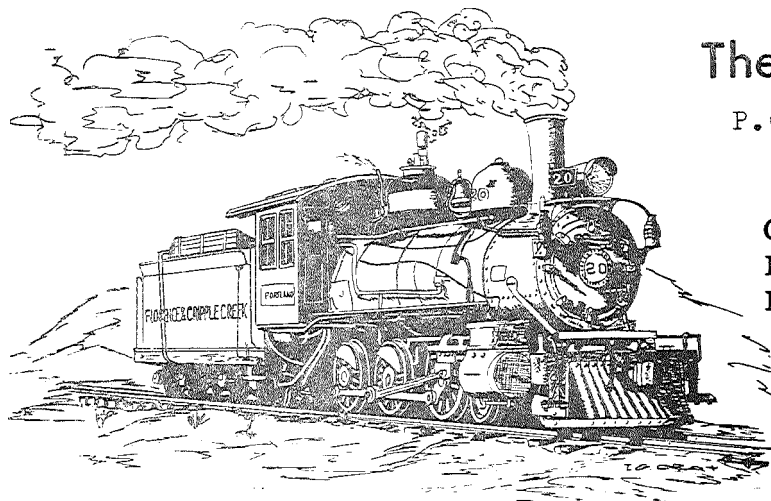


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MEETING NOTICE: Date Wednesday, October 9, 1968
Time 8:00 p.m.
Place Western Federal Savings Bldg., (lower level meeting
room), 17th & California Sts., Denver

PROGRAM NOTES: Jack Thode will present the program this month - three reels on the
Silverton Branch operations for three different years. Also, a
reel on the Glenwood Line Change. This promises to be another very
interesting evening - so come and bring a friend.

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ANNUAL As noted separately, our annual dinner will be held on Saturday evening,
DINNER November 2, 1968. The dinner meeting will take the place of our regular
monthly meeting.

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ELECTIONS TO BE We'll let the politicians have the spotlight in November elections
HELD IN DECEMBER and, as usual, have our annual election of officers at the Decem-
ber meeting. As has been the practice for some time, the carry-
over directors have been asked to serve as the nominating committee. They are
Stuart Anderson, E. J. Haley, and Bryant McFadden. Membership to the nominating
committee is not, however, restricted to these persons. If you would like to be on
the nominating committee, please get in touch with the president; or if you wish to
suggest the name(s) of a person or persons for nomination for office, please get in
touch with one of the members of the nominating committee. To be elected are -
President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 directors.

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THE SILVERTON STANDARD of September 20, 1968, "Twentieth-Century Fox studio utilized
accommodations in Silverton twice as long as it expected to
this week, housing cast and shooting crews here both Monday and Tuesday evenings this
week.

'A majority of the production crew was in town both evenings as the studio shot
scenes for "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," starring Paul Newman, Katherine Ross
and Robert Redford. An estimated 80 persons were involved in the shooting this week
in the Animas canyon.

'The troupe rode the film's train into Silverton each evening, a string of four
coaches, one combination car and one open gondola- all done in green and gold for
the film - and pulled by "Union Pacific 473," also redone with modifications topped
off by a large headlamp. The engine was watered from a Silverton fire hydrant on
Blair Street each evening. The crews, filming mostly around Needleton, came out this

way the two evenings to avoid conflicts with the passenger runs out of Durango each morning.

"General railroad and background scenes were the subjects of this week's shooting, with the film's major train explosion sequence to be filmed in the canyon September 27."

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AT&SF PASSENGER TRAIN The only passenger service south of Denver today is furnished by the Santa Fe between Denver and La Junta, Colorado. Usually consisting of either engine 81 or 84 and two cars, the little train departs from Denver each afternoon at 3:30 p.m., with stops at Colorado Springs and Pueblo, and arrives at La Junta at 7:30 p.m. The train is turned immediately and begins its return trip at 8:30 p.m., arriving at Denver shortly after midnight. The only close connection it makes at La Junta is with the eastbound Super Chief, and the railroad has petitioned to discontinue this Denver-La Junta service.

However, an offer has been made by a New York organization known as the Delavan Foundation, which might continue this service, and even improve it. The foundation would purchase an engine and some passenger cars from the Santa Fe, and would expect to pay a small rental fee for use of the tracks. Probably a more convenient schedule would be established, aimed at local passengers in La Junta, Pueblo and Colorado Springs who wished to come to Denver in the morning and return to their homes in the evening. So far the Santa Fe Railroad has made no public comment on this interesting proposal.

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SWAP 'N SHOP Personal ads are accepted from members for items to be listed for sale or trade or wanted. We cannot enter into correspondence concerning an item, nor will we appraise items to be offered for sale. Send your listings to the Editor by the 20th of the month preceding publication.

Wanted - Biographical, Genealogical or information in general related to Composer Franz von Blon. Interested in recordings and sheet music.
Avery Von Blon, 1208 Locust, Muskogee, Okla. 74401.

For Sale - Pictorial Supplement to Denver, South Park & Pacific. Book No. 711. Written and signed by R.H. Kindig, E. J. Haley, and M. C. Poor. Edition limited to 4000 volumes of 467 pages and map and time card pocket. All in excellent condition. Will accept best offer above \$20.00.
Chester Coan Apt. 301, 1243 Washington St., Denver, Colorado 80203

Wanted - I would like to trade for, or buy: A Midland Terminal Switchkey; Railroad uniform buttons, cap and lapel badges; D&SL and CRI&P switch-locks, 5-3/8th" marked globes for Kero switchmen's lanterns for the Colorado Midland, and the CS&CCD; other railroadians from past or present lines operating in Colorado. Have various locks, keys, globes and lanterns to trade. Sidney J. White 4760 S. Jason St., Englewood, Colorado 80110. Phone evenings 303-781-8762.

For Sale - The following books are offered for sale: "Railroad Construction, Theory and Practice" by W. L. Webb, John Wiley and Sons, 1917. "Proceedings of the 14th Annual Convention of the Association of Railway Superintendents of Bridges and Buildings" held in Chicago October 18, 19, 20, 1904. Two copies. These have photos and diagrams of various buildings and structures. "Proceedings of the 15th Annual Convention of the Association of Railway Superintendents of Bridges and Buildings" held in Pittsburg October 17, 18, 19, 1905. Two copies. "Electric Railway Transportation" by H. W. Blake and W. Jackson, McGraw Hill Book Company. 1916. "The Elements of Railroad Engineering" by W. G. Raymond, First Edition, First Thousand, John Wiley and Sons, 1908.
Al Bartlett 2935 19th, Boulder, Colo. 80302 Phone 443-0595.

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Thot for Today Life is a battle in which we fall from the wounds we receive in running away.

- John Rannell

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